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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #1 -- 2006 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2006 Pacific whiting fishery. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, bycatch limits are in place for canary (4.7 mt) and widow rockfish (200 mt) taken in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery. If either bycatch limit is reached, the primary whiting seasons for the non-tribal fisheries will end regardless of the amount of whiting allocation remaining.

	Allocation		Whiting Catch* (mt)	Overfished Species and Chinook salmon catch	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons					
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	4,873	4,473		5/21	started 4/1, closed 1800 5/25/	91.7%
Oregon	--	NA	0				
Washington	--	NA	0				
WOC shore-based	42% commercial OY	97,469	4,473	Canary - 0.00 mt Widow - 2.88 mt Darkblotched - 1.85 mt Chinook # 179	--		4.5%
Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	55,696	13,759	Canary - 0.16 mt Widow - 32.28 mt Darkblotched - 1.57 mt Chinook # 92	5/24	started 5/15	25.7%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	78,903	10,106	Canary - 0.04 mt Widow - 17.19 mt Darkblotched - 0.32 mt Chinook # 99	5/24	started 5/15	12.8%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	232,069	28,338	Canary - 0.20 mt Widow - 52.35 mt Darkblotched - 3.74 mt Chinook - #370	--	--	12.2%
Tribal (Makah)		35,000		Canary Widow Darkblotched Chinook			%
Total directed fishing		267,069		Canary Widow Darkblotched Chinook	--		%
Total	OY=optimum yield	269,069			--	--	--

* Catch includes: discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based vessels; and catch landed under trip limits prior to the season. The values for at-sea processing sectors are based on NMFS observer data. Data for shore-based vessels were provided by the States. Data for the at-sea processing portion of the Makah fishery are based on preliminary NMFS observers data and shore-based catch was provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds).